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## BIG POWER HOUSE BURNS DOWN

Two Men Seriously Hurt—Accident at Portman Costs \$25,000.

Anderson, Dec. 11.—Late this afternoon the third generator at the Portman Shoals power plant, on the Seneca river, ten miles from here, owned and operated by the Southern Public Utilities Company, ran away, causing serious injury to two dynamo tenders and the destruction of the power house by fire, entailing a loss of \$25,000. There was no insurance. The loss works serious inconvenience to the cities and manufacturing plants dependent upon the plant for power.

One of the flying pieces of the big wheel of the generator struck a transformer, bursting it and causing it to become ignited.

The flying, burning oil saturated one of the tenders, E. F. Harper, Jr., of Lowndesville, who saved his life by running from the burning building and plunging into an icy cold stream two hundred yards away. Mr. Harper was badly burned on the head, back and in the face.

Tom E. Eilers, of Newberry, another dynamo tender, was struck by flying pieces of machinery, and his condition is considered quite serious. His head is badly gashed and his ankles are seriously injured. It is possible that the lives of both of these men will be saved, but their condition is said to be critical.

There were three other tenders in the power house at the time, but they escaped without serious injury.

The flames, spread by oil, quickly spread over the building, and at least four of the five generators were destroyed.

The \$5,000 switchboard, which was behind a fireproof door, was saved, but with this exception, and maybe with the exception of one generator, the entire power house and tenders were destroyed.

The Portman Shoals plant, which was completed several years ago, and which has experienced two other similar disasters, has a capacity of 5,500-horsepower.

## How to Bankrupt the Doctors.

A prominent New York physician says: "If it were not for the thin stockings and thin-soled shoes worn by women the doctors would probably be bankrupt." When you contract a cold do not wait for it to develop into pneumonia, but treat it at once. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is intended especially for coughs and colds, and has won a wide reputation by its cures of these diseases. It is most effective and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.

## Cortright Metal Shingle Roofing.

We hope our readers have been noticing the advertising of the Cortright Metal Roofing Company, which has appeared in our columns regularly since early this year, and that one of those interested in high grade, substantial roofing, have gotten in touch with the company's local agents, the Ballenger Hardware and Furniture Co., at Seneca.

Cortright Metal Shingles have been in use for more than a quarter of a century and are giving splendid satisfaction everywhere.

## Cured of Liver Complaint.

"I was suffering with liver complaint," says Iva Smith, of Point Blank, Texas, "and decided to try a box of Chamberlain's Tablets, and am happy to say that I am completely cured and can recommend them to every one." For sale by all dealers.

## Charleston Northern Chartered.

Columbia, Dec. 10.—The Charleston Northern Railway, which is to operate a line of railway, generally believed to be the Seaboard, Georgia and Western, received its charter to-day from the office of the Secretary of State. The officers of the company, as reported to the Secretary of State, are: President, Dan T. McKeithan, of Darlington, former State Senator from that county; secretary, George E. Dargan, of Darlington. The directors are D. T. McKeithan, Bright Williamson, of Darlington, and Jas. M. Evans, of Florence.

## 13,677,000 BALES FOR THIS YEAR

This Compares With 13,703,421 Produced in 1912.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The American cotton crop for the season of 1913-14 will amount to 13,677,000 bales of 500 pounds (not including linters), according to the first estimate made by the government this year through the crop reporting board, bureau of statistics, department of agriculture, and announced this afternoon. This compares with 13,703,421 bales of 500 pounds, exclusive of linters, produced last year, when the total crop, inclusive of linters, was 14,313,000 bales of 500 pounds; 15,692,701 bales in 1911, which, including linters, amounted to 16,250,276 bales; 11,698,616 bales in 1910, which, including linters, amounted to 12,065,688 bales; 10,004,949 bales in 1909, which, including linters, amounted to 10,315,382 bales; 13,241,709 bales in 1908, which, including linters, amounted to 13,587,306 bales, and 11,107,179 bales in 1907, which, including linters, amounted to 11,375,461 bales. The average of the crops 1907-11 was 12,331,047 bales, exclusive of linters.

The average total production, exclusive of linters, for the five years from 1907 to 1911 was 12,331,047 bales. The value of the crop, including seed, for the same period, averaged \$803,460,000, while the 1912 crop, lint and seed, was valued at \$920,630,000, the value of the lint being \$792,240,000; the 1911 record crop, \$859,840,000, the lint being valued at \$732,420,000; and the 1910 crop, \$963,180,000, the most valuable ever produced, the value of the lint being \$820,320,000.

The estimated production, exclusive of linters and stated in 500-pound bales, by States, with comparisons, and the aggregate value of the crop, with linters and seed, follow:

South Carolina—Total production, 1,330,000 bales, compared with 1,182,128 bales last year, and 1,240,399 bales the average 1907-11. The value of the crop, with seed, last year was \$80,880,000. (It is estimated that the value of the crop this year will be over \$100,000,000.)

Virginia—Total production, 25,000 bales, compared with 24,398 bales last year, and 15,270 bales, the average 1907-11. The value of the crop, with seed, last year was \$1,670,000.

North Carolina—Total production, 765,000 bales, compared with 865,653 bales last year and 726,968 bales, the average 1907-11. The value of the crop, with seed, last year was \$58,980,000.

Georgia—Total production, 2,275,000 bales, compared with 1,776,546 bales last year, and 2,017,371 bales, the average 1907-11. The value of the crop, with seed, last year was \$121,800,000.

Florida—Total production, 68,000 bales, compared with 51,760 bales last year, and 61,646 bales, the average 1907-11. The value of the crop, with seed, last year was \$1,190,000.

Oklahoma—Total production, 820,000 bales, compared with 1,021,250 bales last year, and 808,649 bales, the average 1907-11. The value of the crop, with seed, last year was \$67,200,000.

Alabama—Total production, 1,510,000 bales, compared with 1,312,275 bales last year, and 1,278,709 bales, the average 1907-11. The value of the crop, with seed, last year was \$90,280,000.

Mississippi—Total production, 1,195,000 bales, compared with 1,046,418 bales last year, and 1,234,712 bales, the average 1907-11. The value of the crop, with seed, last year was \$71,720,000.

Louisiana—Total production, 400,000 bales, compared with 376,096 bales last year, and 405,844 bales the average 1907-11. The value of the crop, with seed, last year was \$25,370,000.

Texas—Total production, 3,930,000 bales, compared with 4,880,210 bales last year, and 3,188,662 bales, the average 1907-11. The value of the crop, with seed, last year was \$321,430,000.

Arkansas—Total production, 900,000 bales, compared with 792,098 bales last year, and 856,328 bales, the average 1907-11. The value of the crop, with seed, last year was \$53,620,000.

Tennessee—Total production, 375,000 bales, compared with 276,546 bales last year, and 329,607 bales, the average 1907-11. The value of the crop, with seed, last year was \$18,920,000.

Missouri—Total production, 66,000 bales, compared with 55,691 bales last year, and 59,946 bales, the average 1907-11. The value of the crop with seed, last year was \$3,800,000.

California—Total production, 18,000 bales, compared with 9,000 bales last year.

All Other States—Total production, — bales, compared with 7,425 bales last year, and 6,939 bales, the

## CAROLINA'S COTTON CROP.

Shows Increase So Far of 119,126 Bales Over Last Year.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Special: The preliminary total for the State of South Carolina was made public by the Bureau of the Census at 10 a. m. on Monday, December 8. The corrected total, and the amounts for the different counties for the crops of 1913 and 1912, are as follows: (Round bales counted as half bales.)

County	1913	1912
Abbeville	27,103	24,756
Aiken	12,032	32,268
Anderson	60,807	46,588
Bamberg	24,092	17,951
Barnwell	49,811	38,039
Beaufort	6,218	4,470
Berkeley	11,682	9,394
Calhoun	23,044	17,989
Charleston	11,217	6,638
Cherokee	15,145	12,169
Chester	26,965	27,787
Chesterfield	24,826	27,223
Clarendon	35,009	30,619
Colleton	16,935	12,503
Darlington	31,072	35,930
Dillon	29,975	34,269
Dorchester	14,772	11,244
Edgefield	27,972	24,104
Fairfield	20,741	22,484
Florence	37,427	33,352
Georgetown	3,080	2,681
Greenville	31,600	27,328
Greenwood	25,630	26,468
Hampton	16,937	12,555
Horry	7,736	7,956
Jasper	5,599	4,333
Kershaw	22,933	23,484
Lancaster	19,571	22,461
Laurens	36,642	31,611
Lee	32,216	30,501
Lexington	22,172	18,044
Marion	15,673	16,508
Marlboro	44,029	57,948
Newberry	32,299	29,194
Oconee	16,369	11,446
Orangeburg	67,336	50,867
Pickens	14,626	9,730
Richland	19,458	18,361
Saluda	21,566	21,129
Spartanburg	58,473	49,166
Sumter	35,240	31,114
Union	16,819	15,327
Williamsburg	21,484	19,938
York	33,482	34,662
Total	1,160,815	1,041,689

## Dr. Hobson's Ointment Heals Itchy Eczema.

The constantly itching, burning sensation and other disagreeable forms of eczema, tetter, salt rheum and skin eruptions promptly cured by Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. G. W. Fitch, of Mendota, Ill., says: "I purchased a box of Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. Have had eczema ever since the civil war, have been treated by many doctors, none have given the benefit that one box of Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment has." Ever sufferer should try it. We're so positive it will help you we guarantee it or money refunded. At all druggists or by mail, 50c. Pfeiffer Chemical Co., Philadelphia or St. Louis.

## Extent of Flood Damage.

Houston, Texas, Dec. 12.—The flood cost 165 lives and drove 20,000 from their homes, and caused a property damage of \$6,000,000. This estimate was compiled to-day after a report from the flooded districts was received. The crest is slowly passing into the gulf.

## Constipation Poisons You.

If you are constipated your entire system is poisoned by the waste matter kept in the body—serious results often follow. Use Dr. King's New Life Pills and you will soon get rid of constipation, headache and other troubles. 25c. at druggists or by mail. H. E. Bucklen & Co., Philadelphia and St. Louis.

average 1907-11. The value of the crop, with seed, in all other States, including California, last year was \$750,000.

## Third Largest Cotton Crop.

Washington, Dec. 12.—A crop of 6,542,850,000 pounds of cotton, not including linters, was produced in the United States during the season 1913-14, the department of agriculture announced to-day. This is the third in size, that of 1911, which amounted to 7,549,940,000 pounds being the record, and that of last year, when 6,851,710,000 pounds were grown, being second.

This year's crop probably will be the most valuable ever grown in the United States. At the average farm value of cotton in November, which was 13 cents a pound, it is worth \$850,570,500 for the lint alone. To this about \$125,000,000 probably will be added by the value of the seed and linters. The previous most valuable crop was that of 1910, which was valued at \$820,320,000, and with the seed and lint, at \$963,180,000.

All of the States, with the exception of Mississippi, Louisiana, Missouri and Oklahoma, produced crops better than the average of the past five years, while Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina produced their second largest crops, and Texas its third largest.

## CAROLINA MAKES BIG CROPS.

The Estimated Value of Seven Principal Crops is \$160,000,000.

(Columbia Cor. News and Courier.) South Carolina is singing the song of prosperity and rejoicing over the returns from the abundant harvests, for figures compiled by Commissioner of Agriculture Watson show an amazing and gratifying increase in the returns from the seven principal crops of the State. The estimated value of the agricultural products of the State for this year from its seven principal crops is \$160,000,000, an increase over last year in value of \$31,000,000.

The seven principal agricultural products are cotton, corn, tobacco, wheat, oats, hay and Irish potatoes. In addition no accounting has been made of sweet potatoes, vegetables, trucking, live stock and other products, which would swell the estimated value of the products several millions more than the \$160,000,000.

The agricultural department estimates that the corn crop of South Carolina this year amounted to 38,844,000 bushels, valued at \$39,620,880, an increase over last year's crop of 4,566,000 bushels and an increase in value of \$10,000,000.

## The Tobacco Crop.

The tobacco crop of the State this year amounted to 33,299,561 pounds, valued at \$4,584,399, an increase over the preceding year of \$962,000 pounds and an increase in value of \$1,936,896.

The oat crop this season amounted to 8,225,000 bushels, valued at \$5,593,000, an increase over last year of 1,259,000 bushels and an increase in value of \$995,000.

The hay crop amounted to 225,000 tons, valued at \$4,050,000, an increase over last year of 2,000 tons and an increase in money value of \$36,000.

The wheat crop of this season totaled 870,000 bushels, valued at \$1,066,400, an increase over last year of 245,000 bushels and an increase in value of \$101,400.

There were 892,000 bushels of Irish potatoes grown in the State this year, and the product is valued at \$1,097,000, an increase of \$4,400 in money value over the crop of last year.

## Estimate on Cotton.

The most conservative estimate of the value of the cotton crop of South Carolina for the year 1913 is \$98,526,500, which is based on an estimate of 1,350,000 running bales crop. Col. Watson estimates the cotton crop at probably 1,400,000 bales for South Carolina. The money value is estimated on an average price of 13 cents per pound for the cotton.

The greatest amount of money received from the cotton crop in South Carolina was in 1910, when 1,240,540 bales which the State grew brought \$98,630,000, so that the money value of the cotton crop this year is expected to be the second largest ever received. The cotton crop this year is expected to be the second largest ever received.

Last year there were 1,259,762 bales of cotton produced in this State, and the value of the product was \$80,880,000, and the crop of 1911 was 1,279,135, and its value \$90,120,000.

Col. Watson said that the increase in the manufacturing industry would show almost as great strides as the agricultural products. In every line, said Mr. Watson, South Carolina is marching forward at a great rate. Her record is marvelous and the figures tell in their own vivid way and paint a magnificent picture of the mighty wealth of the Palmetto State.

## Stomach Troubles Disappear.

Stomach, liver and kidney troubles, weak nerves, lame back and female ills disappear when Electric Bitters are used. Thousands of women would not be without a bottle in their home. Eliza Pool, of Dewey, Okla., writes: "Electric Bitters raised me from a bed of sickness and suffering and has done me a world of good. I wish every suffering woman could use this excellent remedy and find out, as I did, just how good it is." As it has helped thousands of others, it surely will do the same for you. Every bottle guaranteed, 50c. and \$1. At all druggists. H. E. Bucklen & Co., Philadelphia or St. Louis.

## Boy Hunter Killed.

Dalton, Ga., Dec. 11.—While attempting to cross a fence near his home in the eastern part of this county this afternoon, Troy, the 12-year-old son of Geo. J. Mitchell, a prosperous farmer, was instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a shotgun with which he had started hunting. One side of the unfortunate youth's head was blown entirely away. The boy was prominently connected and his tragic death is deplored throughout this section.

## MRS. HITE IS LODGED IN JAIL.

Gurganous, Alleged Principal, Still Denies Shooting Batesburg Man.

Lexington, Dec. 10.—Mrs. Ella Delle Hite, wife of J. Milton Hite, the prominent Batesburg man who on Saturday night last was shot at and probably mortally wounded by (it is alleged) Walter Gurganous, the shooting occurring in the dining room of Mr. and Mrs. Hite, at Batesburg, is to-night resting behind the bars of the Lexington jail, having been arrested at her home in Batesburg yesterday by Sheriff Miller and brought to Lexington.

Mrs. Hite was arrested on a warrant sworn out by John G. Darby, chief of police of Batesburg, in which she is charged with being an accessory to the shooting.

## The Accusation.

The affidavit sets out: "That on information and belief, at Batesburg, Lexington county, State of South Carolina, on the 6th day of December, 1913, one Ella Delle Hite did unlawfully assist, aid, abet and procure one Walter E. Gurganous, without just cause or provocation, to violently assault, shoot, penetrate and wound one J. Milton Hite, with intent, him, the said J. Milton Hite, to kill and murder, said aiding, abetting, assisting and procuring being against the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State."

Mrs. Hite refused to be interviewed after reaching the jail, telling Sheriff Miller that she would not make a statement now, but in a few days she would be pleased to talk.

## Two Now in Jail.

Gurganous, who is charged with the shooting, is occupying a cell on the upper floor of the jail, while Mrs. Hite occupies a lower cell just to the right of the cell occupied by the young man. Carrying out the instructions of Solicitor Timmerman, who accompanied Sheriff Miller to Batesburg, Mrs. Hite and Gurganous will not be allowed to talk to each other. A close guard will be placed around the jail in order that no message may pass between the two.

Mrs. Hite showed no visible signs of emotion. She took her arrest calmly, it is said, and the outcome of her husband's injuries will be awaited before any attempt is made to secure bond for either Mrs. Hite or Gurganous. Mrs. Hite is a typical brunette, very attractive in personality. She was becomingly dressed in a blue coat suit with a hat to match.

## Shot in His Home.

The shooting for which Gurganous and Mrs. Hite are being held occurred in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hite, at Batesburg, on Saturday night about 7 o'clock. Mr. Hite left his work at the store of L. D. Culum a little before 7 o'clock to go to supper, and a few minutes later a pistol shot rang out. Nearby neighbors rushed to the home to find Hite with a pistol wound in the lower part of his neck.

Gurganous and Mrs. Hite were found in the home together, it is said, Mrs. Hite being at the telephone trying to get a doctor when the first person arrived. The weapon with which the wound was inflicted was, it is alleged, the property of Mr. Hite, and has never been found. Gurganous was arrested a few minutes later at the home of Mr. Hite by Chief of Police John G. Darby and was rushed to Lexington. The feeling at Batesburg against Gurganous seemed to be so strong that a circuitous route was chosen by the officers in order that no attempt at summary vengeance might be made.

## Gurganous Denies Shooting.

Gurganous had refused to make a statement further than that he did not do the shooting. His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Gurganous, of Durham, N. C., came to Lexington yesterday, and it is understood that they secured counsel to represent their son. So far as is known, Mrs. Hite has not employed an attorney.

The condition of Hite is said to be grave. Upon the advice of physicians he was taken to an Augusta hospital. The injured man is one of

## GOOD COTTON GIN DESTROYED.

Loss About \$2,000; No Insurance. Other Local News.

Little River, Dec. 12.—Special: The people of this section are through gathering, and some have commenced preparing their land for another crop.

Alf Barton and the Galloway boys are home for the holidays from their work in North Carolina.

D. D. Alexander has moved from Newry to J. B. Alexander's mill. We, with his many other friends, welcome him back to his former home.

The many friends of Mrs. Thaddeus Holden will be very sorry to hear that she is very sick with fever, at her home in the Fall Creek section.

The Barker & Childers gin was burned on the night of December 10. The gin, with several bales of cotton, a considerable amount of cotton seed, gin books, etc., were all destroyed. The estimated loss is about \$2,000. No insurance. This company had ginned between 400 and 500 bales of cotton this fall. The many friends of the gentlemen composing the company sympathize with them in their loss.

Miss Alma Dunlap will close her school at Smeltzer December 19th for one week for the holidays, which she will spend with homefolks in the Oak Grove section. Her school will reopen December 29th. The trustees urge all patrons to send their children the balance of the term.

Your scribe made a business trip to town the latter part of last week. He spent the night with his genial friend, W. A. Grant, and had the pleasure of meeting with Rev. H. A. Whitten, the coming preacher for the Walhalla Circuit. Bro. Whitten is an exceedingly pleasant man. We hope the young brother's labors in this field will be crowned with much success.

A merry Christmas to The Courier and all its readers!

## Guarding Against Croup.

The best safeguard against croup is a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound in the house. P. H. Ginn, Middleton, Ga., writes: "My children are very susceptible to croup, easily catch cold. I give them Foley's Honey and Tar Compound and in every instance they get prompt relief and are soon cured. We keep it at home and prevent croup." Bell's drug store.

the most prominent and popular young men of Batesburg.

The little 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hite, who is said to have been a witness to the shooting, is in charge of Mr. Hite's mother at Batesburg.

## CATARRH OF THE PHARYNX.

Clearing out your throat every day, all day. That is what you have been doing for months. Possibly years. A little mucus covers the pharynx.

If you were to go to a doctor he would tell you that you have pharyngitis. If you were to look into your own throat you would find just back of the soft palate a red, lumpy, granular appearance of the back part of the throat. Pharyngitis the doctors call it.

Perhaps he would call it, follicular pharyngitis. It causes you constant annoyance. You are always making slight disturbances when seated in an audience. Can't hold your throat still. Stringy mucus bothers you. Worse in the morning.

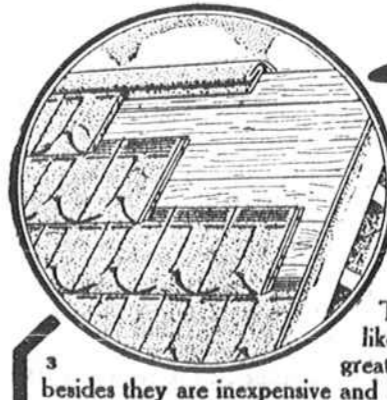
A-hem! A-hem! A-hem! That is the way you are going nearly all day. Sometimes in the night when you wake up. You ought to gargle your throat with salt water every morning. Cold salt water. That clears out the throat perfectly and makes it ready for treatment.

Peruna is the treatment. Begin with a teaspoonful before each meal and at bedtime. Try it for a week. You will be convinced. Of course, Peruna will not entirely relieve you in a week. That is too much to expect of any remedy. But it will benefit you so much you will be convinced. Yes, it will. It has done this many times.

Follicular pharyngitis. Big words. Almost as bad as the disease. But if you take Peruna for one month regularly, you may forget that you ever had such a disease. Then you will have a perfect right to forget the big words too.

People who object to liquid medicines can now obtain Peruna Tablets. Ask Your Druggist for Free Peruna Lucky Day Almanac for 1914.

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